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Recently, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has questioned President Bush's plan to cut the deficit of the United States in half by 2009 from \$422 billion to \$211 billion. The CBO believes that at best the Bush administration could cut the deficit by twenty six percent, but with a probability that it will increase to \$500 billion by 2009 at present spending levels. The Bush administration has responded to the CBO's apprehension by explaining that with an improving economy and less government spending, it could meet the challenge.

The *South Florida Sun Sentinel* Editorial Board believes that that the deficit is out of control. They fear that if President Bush's plan does not work out, that there will be further problems in meeting Social Security and Medicare benefits for retiring Baby Boomers. Furthermore, they believe that Bush has to get rid of the idea of permanent tax cuts or else the deficit will continue to go out of control.

There is no question that the deficit is a huge problem in America. If seniors are not able to get Social Security benefits, there will be a massive revolt in this country. Workers will protest having to pay social security and sons and daughters of the aging seniors will revolt for having to support their parents in their old age. With Bush's claims that the economy is improving, it should be remembered that America is only making up some of the jobs lost in the Bush administration. All this trouble brewing and Bush still wants to continue to cut taxes...America seems headed for bad times.